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Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

Charles Brown, from the Hq. Co., 40th Signal Battalion team, just makes it to first base in their game against Company C, 86th Signal Battalion Wednesday night. C/86th wound up taking the game 9 - 3 plust they're the only undefeated team in either "A" or "AA" leagues with 10 wins. For more on post softball, see the "Scout Scoreboard," Page B4.

CISM Shooting Team to compete in Turkey

By Paula J. Randall Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Shooters from around the military who won slots on the 2000 Shooting Team left July 15 to compete at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Shooting Championships in Ankara, Turkey.

CISM, the World Military Shooting Championships, consists of men's and women's rifle and pistol competitions and will be conducted July 17 to 26. Approximately 50 countries will send about 650 shooters to compete for the World Military Shooting Championship Trophy.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit hosted the U.S. CISM Team Selection Matches in May and 16 shooters won a slot on the U.S. CISM Shooting Team, which is made up of five male and three female rifle shooters and five male and three female pistol shooters.

USAMU rifle shooters were the only competitors at the men's rifle trials thus taking every slot on the team. The CISM male rifle shooters are Maj. Stephen C. Goff, Maj. Robert E. Harbison, Capt. Glenn A. Dubis, Staff Sgt. Eric A. Uptagrafft and Sgt. Troy A. Bassham. The CISM rifle shooters will compete in 300meter, three-position competitions with standard rifles shooting both rapid- and slow-fire matches. Maj. Michael E. Anti and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas both made the CISM Team but will not be competing because they are training for the Olympics. Dubis, a four-time Olympian, is the only 2000 Olympian shooting in CISM this year.

"Captain Dubis has won the CISM Rifle Championship more times than everyone else in the world combined," said Harbison, the U.S. CISM Team captain.

"They call the championship trophy the 'Dubis Trophy' because his name is on it so many times.'

The female rifle shooters are 1st Lt. Kimberly N. Howe of USAMU, U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Deena Wigger, who trains with USAMU, and U.S. Military Academy Cadet Kimberly Pienkowski. They will compete in the Sport Rifle Championships, an Olympic-style three-position match, as well as the English match, shot in the prone

The men's CISM Pistol Team is made up of USAMU's Maj. Steven M. King and Staff Sgt. Carl W. Trompeter II, Air Force Capt. David Vondrak, and Marine Staff Sgts. Brian Poe and Dexter Conrad. USAMU's Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, who made the team, will not compete at CISM as he is training as a member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team in Free Pistol. The men's pistol team will shoot in the Center Fire and Military Rapid Fire Championships.

On the women's CISM Pistol Team are Capt. Rhonda L. Bright and Spc. ReneÈ D. Ayala of the USAMU and Army Reservist Cpl. Sandra Utasy. They will compete in the Sport Pistol Championships, shooting .22-caliber pistols at targets 25 meters away.

"We have the strongest team that we've fielded in several years," Harbison said. "Several of the services are well represented in this Department of Defense-wide

According to Harbison, the strongest competition for the United States this year will come from Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, France and Switzerland.

(Editor's note: Paula Randall Pagan is the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Public Affairs Officer.)



Capt. Glenn A. Dubis, one of the U.S. CISM teamembers has won the CISM Rifle Competition so many times that, "They call the championship trophy the 'Dubis Trophy' because his name is on it so many times," said Maj. Robert E. Harbison, U.S. CISM Team captain.

Sailor earns spot on Olympic wrestling team



By Navy Chief Petty Officer Bill Johnson-Miles Special to the American Forces Press Service

SAN DIEGO — "Wrestling is a marathon," Petty Officer 1st class Steve Mays said in 1998 after finishing fourth in the Armed Forces Wrestling Tournament in Colorado Springs, Colo. "It's not how you start the race, it's how you finish. And hopefully, in 2000, I'll be the man. It's my

Two years later, the sailor's dream has ne true. On June 24, Mays swept two matches from Brandon Paulson at the U.S. Olympic wrestling trials in Dallas to earn a spot on the U.S. 2000 Olympic Greco-Roman team. Mays competes in the 54-kilogram weight class. Paulson, the 1996 Olym-

Petty Officer 1st Class Steve Mays (bottom) throws his opponent so his back is exposed to the mat, scoring three points during the U.S.A. Greco-Roman Wrestling National Championships. (Photo by Petty Officer 2nd class Aaron Ansarov, USN.)

pic silver medalist, had defeated Mays earlier in Las Vegas to win the 2000 U.S. Nationals finals.

Mays, 33, is an aviation boatswain's mate aboard the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy. His hometown is Kalamazoo, Mich., but he currently lives with his wife, Melanie, and three children in Pensacola, Fla.

A marathon is only 26 miles, but this Navy athlete's road to the Olympics seems a lot longer. Though he placed second at the 1996 U.S. Olympic trials, he didn't return to championship form until last year, when he won his class at the Armed Forces and U.S. Nationals tournaments and World Team trials. Mays last year also finished second at the Nordwest Cup in Norway and third at the Pan American Games.

He slipped earlier this year, placing fifth at an Olympic qualifier, second in the Armed Forces Tournament and the Nationals. After

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Scott Screencom

By Sgt. Cullen James Scout Staff

In theaters now, coming to Cochise Theatre:

X-MEN THE MOVIE

20th Century Fox (Directed by: Brian Singer; Starring: Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman, Famke Janssen, James Marsden, Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Tyler Mane, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Ray Park, Bruce Davison.)

Rated PG-13: Sci-fi action violence.

Family Factor (Not "X-Factor"): An Xciting, Xhilarating film, but not too Xtreme for younger kids (Okay, got the puns out of my system).

As a long-time fan of the "X-Men" comic book, I've waited over a decade for

> this movie to be made. I'm glad they waited.

Had it been made a decade or so ago, we may have seen a film like "Captain America" (Yikes!). Had they made it five years ago, they wouldn't have had the computer graphics to pull it off. In either time period, they wouldn't have secured Brian Singer ("The Usual Suspects," "Apt Pupil") to direct. Singer's eye for complexity while maintaining believability help make this movie a success.

Every few years, comic books recreate themselves. They introduce new characters, redefine current ones



Storm (Halle Berry) has the power to control the weather, and prepares to

and sometimes reintroduce older ones. They usually do this with some Earth (or universe) shattering crises. They spend some time introducing or reintroducing characters while maintaining the plot. That's how this movie feels. It's an introduction, or reintroduction to some of us, to some of the X-Men's greatest heroes and villains. Each actor does a commendable job of bringing his or her comic book counterpart to life.

The story takes us to "The Near Future" where Sen. Robert Kelly (Bruce Davison) is holding Senate hearings on the recent mutant scare. Kelly is leading a faction of politicians who want to require that all mutants register themselves with government agencies. Of course, Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) and the X-Men and Magneto (Ian McKellen) and his Brotherhood of Mutants oppose this.

The X-Men try to passively resist - Jean Grey (Famke Janssen) appearing in the Senate hearings and Prof. X trying to form his X-Men to protect humanity. Magneto wants to take a more blatant approach. Where Xavier believes in protecting humanity, Magneto believes mutants are superior and should rule the rest of humanity. The comic book uses the term "Homo superior" to refer to mutants. I didn't catch any mention of it in the movie.

Magneto has hatched a plot to ensure the survival of mutants. What he doesn't know, is that his plan will kill many of the world's leaders. The X-Men discover his

> plot and try and stop him. Part of the scheme involves newly discovered mutant Rogue (Anna Paquin).

While the main plot line involves the X-Men's fight against the Brotherhood of Mutants and both group's fight against mutant registration, we also get a few subplots. The movie primarily focuses on Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) as the lead, and his amnesiac, tortured past. He and Rogue comprise the major subplot characters. We also get a taste of Magneto's past.

Fantastic translations from "Comic Book Land" to movie include Prof. X's School for the Gifted. Where, to the world, he's teaching runaways and boarding-school students. In reality, all the students are mutants and he's teaching them how to accept their powers (while teaching them the normal reading, writing, math, etc.). The school also serves as home and training ground to the X-Men.

There's plenty of action, story, great cinematography, and really cool effects. Although there are a few character quirks that diverge slightly from the comic, the movie remains relatively true to the original - even poking fun at itself in a couple of places. Newcomers and old fans alike should really enjoy this

I give it: Four Xs.



= Xcellent (The Crow)



= Xtremely Good (Batman, 1989)



= Xtemporary (Superman) = Xhausting (The Punisher)



= Xcruciating (Batman and Robin, 1966)



Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) uses his razor-sharp claws (above) to put an end to Mystique's (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) evil ways (below).



Currently available for rental:

HANGING UP

Columbia Pictures (Directed by: Diane Keaton; Starring: Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, Lisa Kudrow, Walter Matthau, Adam Arkin, Duke Moosekian.)

Rated PG-13: Language, sex-related material

Family Factor: The language and sex talk are probably too much for younger viewers. Plus, it's too boring a movie for them anyway.

Diane Keaton attempts to create a biting, emotional look into the life for three sisters whose father is dying. She wants to recreate some of the energy and comedy last seen in "The First Wife's Club." Unfortunately, despite a great cast, this movie comes no where close to any of the actor's past efforts.

The film primarily revolves around Eve (Meg Ryan) and Lou (Walter Matthau). Eve is the middle sister, and finds herself perpetually taking care of their aging, continually hospitalized father. Georgia (Diane

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Today — SMALL TIME CROOKS - Woody Allen, Tracey Ullman - Ray is an ex-con with big dreams. His wife, Frenchy, attempts to keep him grounded in reality. So, when Ray comes to Frenchy with a half-baked plan to rob a bank, she's dead set against it. Soon their get-rich-quick chemes leaves them rolling in dough, but not the kind they had in mind. (Language).

Rated PG.

Friday July 21, Sunday July 23 (2 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. regular showing), and Monday July 24 — DINO-SAUR - Live action animated - Set 65 million years ago during the late Cretacious Period, an Iquanod named Aladar, is separated from his own species and raised on an island paradise by a clan of Lemurs. When a devastating meteor shower plunges their world into chaos, Aladar and several members of his family escape and join a group of dinosaurs searching for a safe new nesting ground.

With water and food in short supply and bloodthirsty predators posing an everpresent danger, the herd faces many lifethreatening obstacles during the course of their treacherous trek (Intense Images).

Saturday July 22, Tuesday July 25, and Wednesday July 26 — GONE IN SIXTY SECONDS - Nicolas Cage, Giovanni Ribisi - A car thief agrees to lead his gang one last time before they retire, taking on the challenge of stealing 50 cars in a single night to save his brother's life from the mob. The problem is that another gang is aiming for the same heist, and the police are after them too (Violence, sexualty and language). Rated PG-13.

 Unless otherwise indicated, all shows start at 7 p.m. Ticket are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Wednesday, Thursday and all matinee shows are 99 cents.

Screenroom, from Page B3

Keaton) runs her own, successful magazine and Maddy (Lisa Kudrow) is an actor on a daytime soap opera. Both consider themselves too busy to take care of Lou.

Lou finds himself in the hospital again and the doctors aren't giving him much longer to live. Matthau is commendable in this role, but his character is neither likeable nor very memorable. He's suffering from Alzheimer's disease, among others, and slips back and forth from present to past. Most of his past recollections tend to be crude.

Eve also spends a lot of time reminisc-

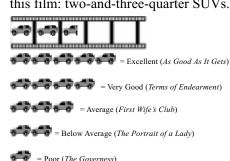
ing about the past. She keeps thinking about her father when they were children, her father right after their mom left him, her father a few years ago, etc. In fact, most the movie is spent in recollection.

In the end, the sisters make up and have one final moment with their father. There

are times the movie is supposed to touch your heart, and I admit, that at times it comes close. Never close enough.

It's not that this movie is bad, it's just not very well done. A little less jumping back or a little less focus on the present would have helped. We don't get any real character development. We see a lot of the characters, and what they've done and what they've been through, but it never really tells us anything.

If this were grade school, Keaton would need to do a little extra credit. I give this film: two-and-three-quarter SUVs.



Left: Eve (Meg Ryan) and Maddy (Lisa Kudrow) visit their ailing father Lou (Walter Matthau) at his last hospital visit during "Haning Up," Diane Keaton's failed effort to recapture some of the magic from "First Wife's Club." (Photo copyright Columbia Pictures.)

Scort Scoreboard

Softball standings

"A" League					
Team	Wins	Loss			
Co. C, 86th Sig.	10	0			
HHC, ASC	9	1			
HHC, 11th Sig.	6	1			
Co. A, 40th Sig.	6	3			
HQ, 40th Sig.	5	3			
19th Sig.	5	3			
Co. B, 40th Sig.	3	2			
HHC, 111th MI	5	4			
Co. D, 40th Sig.	2	2			
Co. A, 86th Sig.	4	5			
Co. D, 86th Sig.	4	6			
USAF 314th #1	3	5			
NAMTRA	3	7			
USMC	2	9			
Co. B, 86th Sig.	1	5			
18th MP Det.	1	9			
"AA" League					
Co. A, 306th MI	8	1			

Standings as of July 19.

MEDDAC

69th Sig.

HQ, 306th MI

Co. C, 305th MI

Co. A, 304th MI

Co. B, 305th #1 269th Sig.

Co. E, 305th MI

Co. B, 305th #2

Firecracker Open Golf Tourney July 15 & 16:

Overall Gross Champ: Ortiz Julio Overall Net Champ: Richard Pontbriand 1st Flight:

1st Gross: Ruben Chavez 2nd Gross: Chris Gentry 1st Net: Don Medley 2nd Net: Phil Kananen

2nd Flight:

1st Gross: Holland Memory 2nd Gross: Bernie Polaha 1st Net: Don Gordon 2nd Net: John Francis

3rd Flight:

1st Gross: Tim Janons 2nd Gross: Jack Underwood 1st Net: Jack Spencer 2nd Net: Pepe Munoz

4th Flight:

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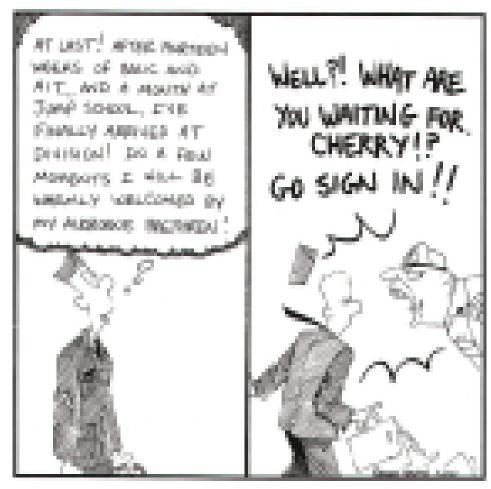
1st Gross: Bob McCaskey 2nd Gross: Seth Johnson 1st Net: HC Williams 2nd Net: Don Fuller

5th Flight:

1st Gross: Joe Summers 2nd Gross: Dan Walker 1st Net: George Johnson 2nd Net: Mike Nurss

Pvt. Murphy's Law

By Mark Baker



Got a hot lead on a sports story?

Call the Fort Huachuca Scout, 533-5551 or 5331987.

Fall big game drawing complete



By Rory Aikens Ariz. Fish and Game

The fall big game drawing is completed. The 229,800 applicants can access the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Interactive Phone System (602-942-3000, press 2 and follow the prompts) to find out if they have been drawn.

To avoid the typical delays caused by thousands of people calling at once, you may also call 1-900-896-1010 for more speedy results. Please be aware that a \$5 fee will be charged to you for using 1-900 number. When calling, be sure to have available your social security number and date of birth.

Game and Fish officials said the number of applications this year was down slightly from last year's record of 144,096. This year, the department received 142,908 applications representing 229,800 appli-

"The big news this year is we do have four leftover elk permits. I can't remember the last time that happened," said Drawing Supervisor Marvel Meadows.

There are four archery-only elk tags remaining for Hunt No. 3128, which is a September hunt in Unit 27 South. "This is a new hunt and probably went under-subscribed because archers aren't familiar with it," said Assistant Director Jim Burton.

Applications for first-come, firstserved tags will be accepted by mail only on or after Aug. 14 for any remaining permits. A full list of remaining permits for all species will be available next week.

The bad news this year was the total number of applicants rejected — it reached a new high of 10,325. Last year there were 7,000 rejects.

"Right now it looks like a lot of applicants failed to provide sufficient funds. With the tag fee increases implemented this year, it is not unusual to have such a spike in rejects, but this is far more than we anticipated," Burton said.

Information Branch Chief Joe Janisch said the department made a concerted effort to get the word out about the fee increases through the state's media, the department's Internet (www.azgfd.com), and other publications.

Besides having the increased fees listed in the hunting regulations, they were also placed on the back of all hunt-permit application forms, along with detailed instructions on how to fill out the form, so that people could have an easy and quick place to reference.

"The fee increases made headlines across the state when the Game and Fish Commission was considering them. There were headlines again when the increased fees were adopted. There have been lots of articles since that time reminding people about the increases," Janisch said.

Despite all that, somehow a lot of people didn't get the word, or just forgot. "Maybe that's what happens when you go 10 years or more without a fee increase people take the fee schedule for granted. It's just unfortunate to see so many people disappointed," he said.

Fish and Game give tips to southern waters

Compiled by Rory Aikens Ariz. Fish and Game Dept. SOUTHERN WATERS

TUCSON URBAN - The urban lakes were stocked channel catfish last week. Lakeside was not stocked due to poor water quality (high pH and low oxygen). This will be the last stocking for all urban lakes until mid-September. Best baits are chicken liver, shrimp, hot dogs, or prepared catfish stink bait. Anglers are reporting slow fishing, but are still catching their limits. Buy a two-pole stamp and try different baits to double your chances. Those anglers showing patience are taking home lots of nice fish.

RIGGS FLAT - Is stocked with rainbow trout and the weather is cool. Due to high pH, Riggs is not scheduled to be restocked until early August. Check with the Forest Service, Safford Ranger District, for camping and fire restrictions at (520) 428-4150.

CLUFF RANCH - Slow for warm water species, although some crappie and bass are being caught. For lake information call (520) 485-9430.

ROPER LAKE - Slow for bass, and catfish. For largemouth bass try fishing jigs along the breaks and outside edges of the cattails. Good for sunfish; use worms in shady areas. For lake information call (520) 428-6760.

DANKWORTH POND - Poor for all species. For lake information call (520) 428-6760.

ARIVACA - Water quality has im-

proved and oxygen levels are at normal levels. Recent surveys show good numbers of small bass, but almost no fish exceeding 12 inches. No other fish stockings are

planned until September or October. Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species, (bass, sunfish and catfish) it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch and release should be practiced.

PENA BLANCA - The boat ramp at

Pena Blanca Lake has been closed due to flooding which undercut the road. It is unknown when repairs will be made. Fishing is fair to good for bass, best fishing at night. Recent surveys show a healthy bass population with good numbers of fish in the 15 to 18 inch range. Use artificial worms in rocky areas where the aquatic vegetation is less dense for largemouth bass. The weeds have been cut, so fishing access has improved. Due to elevated mercury readings in the warm water species (bass, sunfish, crappie and catfish), it is recommended that these fish not be eaten until further notice. Catch-and-release should be practiced. For lake information call (520) 281-2296.

PATAGONIA -Fishing is fair to good for warm water species; bass, sunfish and catfish. Best fishing is early morning, late evening and at night. Recent surveys show excellent populations of bass and sunfish. Try artificial crayfish or worms close to the shore at breaks in the cattails. Try worms in shady areas for large bluegill and redear sunfish. Crappie fishing is fair. Channel catfish are biting on worms, hotdogs or stink bait. For lake information call (520) 287-6063.

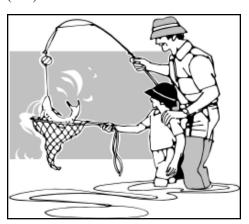
PARKER CANYON - Trout fishing is slow but some anglers are still catching fish. Try small spinners, Super Dupers, Z-Rays or Power Bait, corn or cheese in 10 -15 feet of water. Fishing is fair for warm water species (bass, catfish and sunfish). Water temperature is 68 degrees. Try artificial worms or night crawlers. Lots of small northern pike in the 12 to 15 inch range are being caught. Try flys, corn,

worms, and power bait, crankbaits and spinner baits. The limit is six northern pike. Anglers are encouraged to try to catch this illegally introduced species. The water level is rising, boat launching is not a problem. For lake information call (520) 455-5847.

PICACHO RESERVOIR - Due to extremely low water conditions Picacho Reservoir has experienced a fish kill.

ROSE CANYON LAKE - Has been stocked with rainbow trout. Trout fishing has been poor. Is not scheduled to be restocked until early August.

For lake and camping information call (520) 749-8700.





Child & Youth Services Opens Innovative Program

On June 28, 2000, the Family Child Care Program opened the Army's first Group Home at 166 Hughes, which is located behind the old Children's Library. The home is staffed with two certified FCC Providers from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and offers child care on an hourly basis. The hours support early morning PT for soldiers.

The home cares for up to 12 hourly children at a time with no more than three of the children not "capable of self preservation". This means the majority of the children in the home must have the physical ability to evacuate on their own during an emergency without adult help.

Reservations for this new home may be made up to a month in advance by calling 507-6772. The home requires a two hour minimum stay with a restriction of no more than 25 hours of hourly care per week to conform with the regulation. Fees are the same as the Child Development Center, \$2.20 per hour for the first child in a family, and \$2.00 per hour for each additional child in the same family. Drop-ins are also welcome on a space-available basis. Children must be registered with Child & Youth Services.

For more information on this exciting new program, contact the FCC Director at 533-2494.



Fort Hachra Marale, Welfare & Recreation Updates

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.

Steelhead Triathlon set for Saturday

The Steelhead Triathlon is the second event in the multi-sport summer series offered by MWR Recreation Services. The course consists of an 800 yard pool swim, a 13 mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run. Entry forms and course maps are available at Barnes Field House. The entry fee is \$20 for individual military, \$25 for individual civilian, \$35 for military 3-member team, \$40 for civilian 3-member team. This fee includes awards, refreshments and event t-shirt.

Awards will be offered to the top three in each category. There will be no registrations accepted on race day, so drop by Barnes Field House to enter this event or call 533-5031 for more information.

Road closures for Triathlon announced: Brainard Road (from Squire to Harfield) and Kelsay Road (from Irwin to Brainard) will be closed to traffic on Saturday, from 6 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. Please use alternate routes. For information call MWR Recreation Division Programming at 533-5031.

Blood Donors Needed

The American Red Cross will offer blood drives at Murr Community Center tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; at the Eifler Fitness Center on July 28 from 2 to 8 p.m.; Remember to drink extra non-caffeine fluids starting the day before and eat a good meal between two and four hours before donatingFor further information call the American Red Cross representative at (520) 917-2877 or 1-800-GIVE-LIVE. Volunteers Needed; Red Cross Volunteer Orientation today at 5:30 p.m. for more information call 458-4858.



MWR facilities close for employee picnic

The annual Team MWR picnic is to be held at the LakeSide Activity Centre on Tuesday. Facilities that will close all day are; MWR Rents, Desert Lanes, Barnes Field House, MWR Arts Center, Sportsman's Center, La Hacienda, Pepperoni's (There will be no Bingo), and Buffalo Corral.

MWR Box Office will close at 11 a.m.; Murr Community Center, NAF Personnel, MWR Division offices, ACS offices, Marketing Services and Recreation Services Division office will all close at 11:30 a.m.; Child Development Center and School-Age and Youth Services programs will remain open, but School-Age and Youth Services supplemental programs and Family Child Care offices will close at 11:30 a.m.

Jeannie's Diner will be open for the breakfast crowd from 6:30 until 10:30 a.m. Mt. View Golf Course and the 19th Hole will close at noon. Eifler Fitness Center, Apache Flats RV Resort and RPM Car Care will observe regular hours.

MWR Box Office sets new hours

Effective August 14, MWR Box Office will have new hours of operation. These hours will be the same as the commissary hours during the week. New hours will be Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Job Vacancy Announcements

Nonappropriated Fund Personnel Office, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation would like to announce the following job vacancies:

LABORER, NA-3, \$6..37 per hour. Regular Full Time guaranteed 40 hours per week. Army Lodging Division

CUSTODIAL WORKER, NA-1, \$5.74 per hour. Regular Part Time, guaranteed 32 hours per week. Army Lodging Division

For more information call 533-5278 or stop by the NAF Personnel Office, Building #22214.



Center targets coming events!

Saturday and Sunday will be the Skeet Shoot. Plan for half-priced Paintball on July 22 and 29. Rental will be \$10 and range fee will be only \$2.50.

The next Concealed Carry Class will start Wednesday and continue on Aug. 2, 6, and 9. 5, 9. All classes must be attended to receive credit. Call now to register for this session. The cost is \$67.

There is a Registered Trap Shoot scheduled for August 4, 5 and 6. Also Registered Skeet Shoot September 9 and 10. Call 533-7085 for information.

September 1 and 2 ther will be a Labor Day/Inventory Reduction Sale 10/15% off selected inventory.

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Navy Wrestler, from Page B2

losing the Vegas match to Paulson, he was asked if he would still make the Olympic team.

"Yes, without a doubt, without a doubt. They do not allow me to have the time to come in second best," Mays said at the time. "I will not come home without the mission being complete."

In order to face Paulson again, he had to win the Olympic Trials Challenge Tournament June 22-23. He defeated Shawn Sheldon by decision in the finals — in overtime.

Exhausted following his match against Sheldon, Mays looked forward confidently to his next-day matches with Paulson. "Win, I'm gonna win," he said

"I've put the work in and I'm going to go out and win. I need to control the tempo early, make him come after me," he added.

There could be only one U.S. Olympic wrestler in the weight class in Sydney, Australia, come September, and it would be whoever won two matches first.

Mays' confidence carried him to a 3-0 win in his first match with Paulson. "One step closer, one step closer to the dream," he said after the match. "All I can do is rest and get ready for the next match. He's the champ and I will have to take the next match."

Mays won the second match 5-0 and realized a dream he has had since he was 9.

"Steve Mays is a pretty amazing story because not many people finally break through in their 30s," said Mitch Hull, USA Wrestling National Teams di-



Photo by Petty Officer 2nd class Aaron Ansarov, USN

Mays has his hand raised in victory after a match at the U.S.A. Greco-Roman Wrestling National Championships.

rector. "It's hard and he's done that."

And he did it with a lot of hard work and dedication. "He's training seven days a week, almost gone two or three weeks out of a month," Melanie Mays said. "The dedication is there, and it takes dedication to strive and get to the top."

Mays' coach, Rob Hermann, is retired Navy, the service's head wrestling coach and an assistant coach for the U.S. 2000 Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling team. Hermann said he was confident from the beginning in Mays' chances at making the Olympic team.

"He's done everything possible," the

coach said. "He's been at all the National training camps, he's been training hard in Pensacola. It's been a year-round thing for him. He set his goals; he's been working on his mental skills. He started believing that he could beat the best."

And according to the coach, the Navy helped Mays become the best. "If it wasn't for Navy sports, and the Navy in general, his command aboard the USS John F. Kennedy, it wouldn't be possible," Hermann added. "They've given him the opportunity to do it full time, and his dream has finally come true."

"The Navy has supported us 100 percent," Melanie Mays agreed. "They're allowing him to train year-round. A lot of people think that it's easy, but he's doing hard work seven days a week. I mean, it's just like a deployment. He's actually doing a job and he's representing the Navy, and I think he's representing them well."

Mays now is looking forward to representing the Navy and the United States in Sydney, but Olympic wrestling is not an open tournament. The International Olympic Committee fixed the number of wrestlers at 20 in each weight class. Nations had to qualify, and the others who have in 54-kilograms are Australia, Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Iran, Kazakhstan, Korea, Krygyzstan, North Korea, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine.

It doesn't matter who he wrestles or what country they're from, because Mays has a great attitude about wrestling and about life. "There's always going to be setbacks," he said, "and if you let setbacks stop you then you'll never succeed in life, regardless of what it is, wrestling, on the job, family, whatever. You just have to keep fighting!"

So Petty Officer Steve Mays fought through his setbacks, made his dream a reality, and finished his wrestling marathon race as an Olympian. But now he has another dream, and it's painted Olympic gold.

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